

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13, 19, 20, 23-44 and 71-83 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Restriction Requirement alleges that the patent application contains claims directed to two different inventions as defined by Groups I and II, as outlined below.

GROUP	CLAIMS	DESCRIPTION
I	1-5, 8-10, 13, 19, 20, and 23-44	Drawn to a bioabsorbable plug implant, classified in class 623, subclass 23.75
II	71-83	Drawn to a method for bone tissue regeneration, classified in class 623, subclass 23.75

Also, it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of implants:

SPECIES	FIGURES
I	FIG. 4A
II	FIG. 4B
III	FIG. 5A
IV	FIG. 5B
V	FIG. 7

For prosecution in this application, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I and Species II. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13, 19, 20, 23-37, 39-44, 71-76 and 78-83 are believed to read on the elected species, and claims 1-5, 8-10, 13, 19, 20, 23-37, 39-44, 71-76 and 78-83 are believed to be generic. Applicant notes that upon allowance of any generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claim. This action is without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected group and species in related applications.

Should any questions arise in connection with this Application, Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the below-listed telephone number.

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